

Highlights of the News

Condensed Notes of General Interest

Three thousand dollars a week has been paid to farmers in the Red Deer district for their hog shipments during the present year. The Advocate says that the grade of hogs being shipped is steadily increasing. It also says that money coming in for hogs has been a wonderful thing for the farmers.

A young lady with a weiner made a chop-in in selling magazine subscriptions in High River. Whenever she was turned down for a subscription, the young woman staggered against a nearby chair, opened her handbag and pulled out a weiner, which she commenced to devour ravenously. She then explained between bites that the weiner and three cents were all that stood between her and starvation. The average High Riverite then proceeded to dig down into his jeans for four bits which he handed to the weiner consumer saying, "Here, lady, eat—Heaven's sakes go buy yourself a meal!"

Between 7,000 and 8,000 head of surplus cattle will be bought by the provincial government from farmers in the drought area, taken to central points, and then disposed of. The price has been fixed at one cent a pound. A fifty per cent cut in rates has been granted by the railways and the other fifty per cent will be paid jointly by the provincial and federal governments. The number of cattle in this class has been estimated at 26,000 head.

Henry Newfield of Purple Springs harvested 48,000 bushels of wheat from 2,600 acres this year, netting \$35,000. He is a Monmouth and came to Alberta from a German immigration camp in 1925. He had \$10 in cash advanced by his brother who lives at Purple Springs. The newcomer, in his own respect of time, never worked himself himselfly up.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued an estimate of Canada's 1934 wheat crop at this week, placing the volume at 277,344,000 bushels. Last year's crop was 265,729,000 bushels.

These figures, of course, include the wheat production of all Canada. The figure for the prairie provinces was 255,000,000 bushels, by provinces: Alberta — 116,000,000; Saskatchewan — 114,200,000; Manitoba — 24,800,000.

Proactinium is a new metal said to be the rarest on earth. It is valued at \$1,000,000 an ounce. It is squeezed from pitchblende, for which the newly discovered Great Bear Lake mines are already famous. Its atom itself is worth \$2,000,000 an ounce. There is only one pound of it in the world, worth \$2,000,000. The amount of radium that can be extracted from one ton of ore is very small. It would take a microscope to see it. The nearest approach to that in high value goes to precious stones. Diamonds are worth about \$77,000 per ounce.

The annual competition for the most beautiful and largest maple leaf in Canada, sponsored by the two Canadian railways, the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern, is now under way. Three prizes are being offered for the most beautiful leaf in all Canada and two prizes for the largest.

In Thursday's international yacht races, the American's "Rainbow" won over Britain's "Endeavor" by 6 minutes.

The "Endeavor" at one time was 1100 yards ahead of her opponent. Apparently the British boat entered a pocket of quiet air and the American forged ahead.

Since its inauguration, 130 million dollars has been spent by both chambers and the United States defense over the coveted trophy.

SOME POTATOE—

Grown on a non-irrigated plot, the potato weighing 21 lbs. was taken from H. Herzfeld's garden. This is some spud, considering that no more than four were taken from the plot, and that precipitation during the summer months was very light. The potato measures six inches long and was seedless, lacking in circumference around the ends.

BASSANO "SUNSHINE" SOLICITS AID

Bassano Sunshine Organization To Continue Work Begun Last Year—Heavy Demands Likely This Year

The Bassano Local Sunshine Committee, organized last year by representation of the various churches, the Board of Trade, the Town of Bassano, and women's clubs for the purpose of ministering to the wants of needy families, is asking citizens to lend a helping hand by donating any discarded clothing.

The Sunshine Committee has done highly commendable work during its year of operation. Many families were helped out during the winter season, of last year, but this winter will put a greater strain than ever on the slender resources of this local organization. They plan to start in early in the season to accumulate clothes and shoes before the rigors of winter set in.

All cases of families needing clothing are interviewed by the ladies of the committee, and repetition of donations is avoided.

Referring to eastern and western Canada in a speech at Vancouver, Premier Pattullo of B. C. deprecated argument between the two provinces.

The fact is that wealth of Western Canada as represented by tremendous rapid development for decades, poured hundreds of millions of dollars into Eastern Canada. Every dollar which the Dominion authority is now loaning to B. C. deprecates the wealth of Ontario and Quebec through tariff.

When any proposed changes are made to the British North America Act, readjustments will have to be made in respect of the facilities from which both the extreme eastern and the western provinces now suffer.

Legal battle is under way in court at Toronto, when Mr. and Mrs. James Murray, prominent business men, are suing their three-year-old daughter in a case that may stir the husband and wife with legal wrangling. Murray is secretary-treasurer of the Murray Printing Company.

Best harvesting has started in Southern Alberta and the Raymond crop factory will start full operations on September 20th.

North Dakota officials arrested ten persons and charged them with smuggling wheat from Canada to the United States.

BRITISH TOUR TO AID CANADIAN INDUSTRY

Eighty leading buyers and industrialists from the British Isles who are at present touring Canada, are planning a visit to increasing trade between the Dominion and the Mother Country.

They were recently the guests of the Kellogg Company of Canada at a delightful luncheon at the Hotel London, London, Ontario.

This visit known as the "Maple Leaf Tour" was arranged by the Hon. O. H. Howard, High Commissioner to Great Britain. The visitors include men and women from practically every industry in the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State. It is stated that the aggregate of the total power represented by the group runs into several millions of pounds sterling annually.

Mr. Butler introduced the famous girls' football teams of the United States and Canadian Kogles Plants, who later competed in a game at which the Britishers were guests—many of them seeing this popular Canadian game for the first time.

LONGEVITY AMONG EMPLOYEES

Coming forward with a unique claim for longevity among employees, Standard and British Lumber Companies are sponsoring its monthly home organ, "The Bulletin," list of 22 men and women who have been in their employ for 25 years or more. They told us that of service. Four of the list have been employed by the company for 40 years or more.

The Weather

The cold wave that has swept the whole province, paid a heavy visit to Bassano district and brought rain, snow and sleet in its wake. Frost and high winds are adding their forces to the prevailing weather.

The heaviest rain of the season fell on Monday afternoon; the first blanket of snow covered the ground on Tuesday morning; the lightest frost of the fall occurred Wednesday night.

The only element lacking from the varied program is sunshine. Weathering has been delayed for ten days and prospects are for more unsettled weather.

A split decision again gave the title to the challenger when Barney Ross and Jimmy McLarnin met in the Madison Square Gardens Monday night. The Associated Press dispatch had awarded the decision to Ross, but judges and referee thought otherwise. McLarnin is once again king of the welterweight class.

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Discussion of Plan For Settlers To Take over Eastern Irrigation Area

C. P. R. Officials Intimate Company May Be Willing To Wipe Off Thirteen Million Dollars Of Cost And Part Of Four Million Dollars Due On Land Contracts

Auto Accident On Main Highway

Blowout Causes Auto To Leave Road—Occupants Escape Injury

Their car turning over in the ditch last Monday afternoon, following a blowout, Mr. and Mrs. Liveridge, of Toronto, escaped injury in a mishap that may have had serious consequences.

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Keen interest has been aroused in the eastern irrigation block by the information to a settlers' committee that the Canadian Pacific Railway would consider selling the entire project to the contractor holders. The matter is for general consideration and discussion as many have not had a great deal of information on what has been proposed.

The principal question is to what extent the settlers would benefit by such a deal. It is reported that the company is prepared to wipe out the capital charges and the bulk of the cost of building the Bassano dam, the Cassis aqueduct, the Bantry Falls, Lake Newell and all the ditches and other necessary works.

Over Million Acres Involved The settlers would be required to make an offer for the entire land area including irrigated and non-irrigated lands. There are about 1,250,000 acres in the area of which 250,000 acres are irrigable. The project has been estimated that the capital charges amount to over thirteen million dollars. This includes the cost of building the Bassano dam, the Cassis aqueduct, the Bantry Falls, Lake Newell and all the ditches and other necessary works.

The present situation finds many contract holders getting deeper into debt from year to year and facing an uncertain future. Many farmers have put much money and years of labor into their places only to find them selves with a meagre hold on their farms. People cannot be happy and contented under such circumstances.

May Work Out Well If the settlers can get a sufficiently good bargain; if they can convince themselves that the plan is workable; if they can select competent officials and a reliable method to work hand in glove with them; the scheme might work out all right.

This is a problem for the settlers. The company's side of the problem is more or less important to those who are primarily interested by the welfare of the entire eastern irrigation area. The whole scheme should have the most careful scrutiny and the best brains obtainable should be consulted. If the settlers can get a good deal and can go ahead with the prospect of getting title to their lands this is the plan that will put the project on its feet.

No one interested in the settlers wants them loaded with a "white elephant" of debt. The scheme has been proposed from an agricultural standpoint without irrigation. If the cost can be brought down sufficiently low and if prices return to what is considered normal, irrigated farming will pay well.

Officials of the company are not saying a great deal about the proposition as yet. They say that the plan is one for the settlers to develop and present, after which it will be taken up with the C. P. R. head office in Montreal. The settlers' committee was informed that the C. P. R. would be willing to go a long way towards meeting any proposals for taking over the project submitted by the settlers.

The committee asked the company to wipe off all past indebtedness, re-value the lands and put into effect a new price classification based on bushels of wheat, the highest price to be fifteen bushels per acre. They were told that these requests were not acceptable.

FRIDAY, THIS WEEK "The Flag Lieutenant"

SAT'DAY, THIS WEEK "RITPIDE" Normal School

SAT'DAY, NEXT WEEK "MY WEAKNESS"

FRIDAY, NEXT WEEK A GOOD FEATURE ALSO

ORPHEUM THEATRE

C. G. I. T. Holds First Meeting

The C. G. I. T. "Good Companions," rescheduled activities with their first regular meeting of the fall and winter season held last Thursday at 7.30 in Knox Presbyterian Church, with the new supervisors, Miss C. Murdoch and Miss V. McCannell in charge.

Officers for the current year were elected, and discussion settled on the possibility of limiting membership to those of fourteen years and over. The new officers are: president, Helen Travis; vice president, Miss Sam-Brooks; secretary, Jennie Usagrin; treasurer, John Marquardt; editor, Jean Johnson.

The group wish to thank Miss Murdoch, who has capably directed its regular since the departure in July of former leader Mrs. West.

GEN JUNIOR U.F.A. TO MEET

A special meeting of the Gen Junior U. F. A. will be held on Tuesday evening, September 22nd, in the Gen school house. A large attendance is urgently requested.

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## THE STATE WAS MADE FOR MAN

The trend in some of the world's greatest nations is towards governments who believe that the actions, habits and conduct of the people governed should be placed under a strict regimen and the individual lost in and subordinated to the state.

This is not the Anglo-Saxon tradition. We do not believe in the perfection of constitutional structures erected on a foundation of first principles. Instead we try to discover by trial and error those principles which seem best suited to conditions as they exist. Then the superstructure is built upon them, line by line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little.

We are not enamored by the cold logic or perfection of the mechanical drawing but prefer to obey what we are pleased to call our political instincts. And we still cling to the conviction that our social, economic and political structure should be built on freedom.

The Anglo-Saxon nations still believe in the principles of democracy under which they have grown great and they will not willingly cast aside those principles in order to create an all-powerful state.

In a day of dissolving democracies they cling to the conviction that the state was made for man and not man for the state.

## AREAS OF POTENTIAL VALUE

Hon. Robert Weir, minister of agriculture for Canada, believes that the drier areas of the southern prairies can be made into valuable farming regions, but not by straight wheat-growing.

He thinks that a method of strip farming can be evolved which will control soil drifting. Then varieties of grasses can be grown which will insure a profitable return. It is presumed that created wheat grass, the phenomenal hay developed from a Russian plant, will be an important link in the effort to bring back the southern prairies.

It is unthinkable that regions which have produced so much wealth in the way of grain and fodder in years past should be casually condemned as comparatively useless areas. They have a usefulness which will be developed sooner or later.

If the dry lands could be worked in conjunction with irrigation success might readily follow provided respectable prices were once again obtainable for farm products.

## CLIMATE AND PEOPLE

One of the foremost research workers in geography and climatic effect on the human race is Dr. Ellsworth Huntington, of Yale University. He maintains that climate may produce great peoples and may reduce races who may have been great.

Russia's cold, dry, monotonous winters, he says, eventually have reduced the Russian people to a mental and physical inferiority compared with the peoples of Germany, France and Britain, who enjoy more variable climatical conditions.

By the same rule many parts of Western Canada will reduce the physical and mental vigor of the people living there.

Alberta winters, however, cannot be classified as "cold, dry and monotonous." If any province has variety in its weather it is Alberta.

Perhaps this province will, as a consequence, develop a future race much superior to our neighboring provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The chinook winds in the winter cause welcome breaks in temperature. These welcome winds (in the winter time) are not felt as far east as Saskatchewan.

So we can live in hope that, even if Dr. Huntington is right, the citizens of Alberta will be able to enjoy life without the overhanging fear that their descendants will be an inferior, degenerate people.

## THE GIFTS OF THE GODS

"The gods sell things at a fair price," an old poet said. He might have added that they sell their best goods at the cheapest rate. It is only the superfluities that are put up for sale at high prices.

Much that is really beautiful is not put up for sale at all but is offered to humanity as a gift by the immortal gods. Everyone can watch the sun rise and set, the clouds sailing along the sky, the forests and the prairies, the glorious sea, all without spending a cent.

The birds sing for nothing, there is no entrance fee to the starlit hall of night. Nature furnishes wild flowers and wild fruit gratis.

The good earth never charged for the use of its fertility, the oceans, lakes and rivers are furnished free by Nature.

Contentment and peace of mind thrive better in a small country cottage than in many a stately city palace. They are priceless things, but easily obtainable.

## FARM DEBT RELIEF ACT

Within a short time it is expected the official receiver under the Farm Debtors' Relief Act for the Bassano sub-judicial district will be located in this town. F. D. McNaughton is the appointee. He now asks all who are contemplating applying for relief under this act to write to him, addressing the letter to Bassano.

This act was passed by the federal government for the purpose of preventing many farmers from being driven out of farming through an overload of debt. The expressed purpose of the legislation is to compromise the debts of such farmers.

Farming being the basic industry of the Dominion, the government is anxious to prevent it being seriously undermined through abandonment of farms. While almost every class in the country has suffered more or less from the effects of the past five years, farming has unquestionably borne the heaviest burden.

Canada dare not imperil the soundness of her agriculture for long except at the risk of national insolvency.

## IN APPRECIATION

The publishers of The Bassano Mail wish to express thanks to the editors of a number of Alberta weekly newspapers who have said some kindly things about us.

In particular we desire to thank Mr. McCrea, of The Hanna Herald, for his rather flattering remarks. Mr. McCrea is an old friend and maybe he is a little biased towards us as a consequence.

We also are appreciative of the encouragement from a considerable number of people in this town and district. This has meant a great deal to us.

Before going any further, however, we want to say that we have yet to prove ourselves, and this fact is quite sufficient to keep the size of our hats to normal.

Turning out a new, interesting paper every week is not an easy job. We know it takes energy and hard work; also experience which can only come with the years.

## 10 MINUTES WITH THE SCOTCH PHILOSOPHER

Fellow Farmers.

Having been invited to comment on the depression which has this big old earth hunched to a far-ye-well, we offer the following to all who are searching for fame and fortune in the world of agriculture.

If the life, with its modest living, gives a certain amount of happiness, does not appeal to you, quit farming. There has never been any big money in it.

If you have brains, go and be a lawyer. Then you will be honored three life, have oodles of kale to blow and have a swell funeral when you fall off the perch.

If you have no brains, be a politician. The result will be the same! Now for something else.

Some time ago we read where a lady was sent to the coop for 10 days for beating up her husband. Neither wonder that Jimmie Jackson, who was down to see us recently, said that a man wasn't safe even in his own shack these days. That old bird knows a lot.

By the way, have you a bull on the farm? If so, never be careless.

Once upon a time we scored advice like this but luckily landed on the bosom of a deep creek, otherwise we might now be playing the happy-go-lucky in a region a trifle warmer than the salubrious atmosphere of "funny" (not sunny) Alberta.

In the old days, the most important building in a small town was the bar room. Now it's the service station. So, Mr. Farmer, we ask the question, "Is man's progress always in the right direction? We have our doubts now."

A present day optimist is a man who buys something from a Jew, with the vain hope that he can sell it to a Scot and profit by the transaction.

Well, so long guys! If the undertaker does not intervene, we'll meet again. Meanwhile, remember that chess taken at midnight will bring more sleepless hours than the small voice of conscience.

On that we'll bet the works. Toot! Toot! Toot!

Contributed

Religious authorities are hawking a story of a stone bull in a South India temple, believed by Hindus to have been alive, that is oozing blood at stated periods.

COAL! COAL! COAL!

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## ARE WE TURNING TO STONE?

By Bert Huffman

The banks of the Red Deer river not far from Bassano are filled with fossils—the remains of animals, plants and organisms which were once living, active, eager forms of life.

Change came upon the new earth, and these active creatures died and gradually turned into stone. They did not adapt themselves to the changing conditions of the earth. Those fossilized bones are all that remain of once seething multitudes of active animal life.

They could not change with the changing earth. They were out of tune, out of harmony, out of touch with the evolutionary movement of the times in which they lived.

Governments, systems, peoples go through the same stages of life.

We wonder today why Youth is facing a blank wall in its aspirations for the future. We say this is the day and age of the young generation. We educate boys and girls at enormous expense. We prepare them for an active, useful life.

And we then turn them into a barren field, parched of its verdure, barren of hope, sterile as a lava flow.

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